



**CONESTOGA-ROVERS
& ASSOCIATES**

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



489329

200 W. Allegan Street, Suite 300
Plainwell, Michigan 49080-1397
Telephone: (269) 685-5181 Fax: (269) 685-5223
www.CRAworld.com

December 10, 2012

Reference No. 056394

Ms. Sheila Desai
Remedial Project Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - November 2012
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 73 for the period of November 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

CONESTOGA-ROVERS & ASSOCIATES

Jennifer L. Quigley, P.E.

JQ/23/Plw.

Encl.

cc: Paul Bucholtz (MDEQ) - three hard copies
Jim Saric (U.S. EPA) - electronic only
Leslie Kirby-Miles (U.S. EPA) - electronic only
Erik Wilson (City of Plainwell) - electronic only
Richard Gay (Weyerhaeuser) - electronic only
Joe Jackowski (Weyerhaeuser) - electronic only
Martin Lebo (Weyerhaeuser) - electronic only
Michael Erickson (Arcadis) - electronic only
Dawn Penniman (Arcadis) - electronic only
Garry Griffith (Georgia-Pacific, LLC) - electronic only
Jeffrey Lifka (Tetra Tech) - electronic only
Gregory Carli (CRA) - electronic only

Equal
Employment Opportunity
Employer

**Progress Report No. 73
November 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Submittal of responses to comments received from U.S. EPA on October 16, 2012 for the September 7, 2012 Revised Summary of Additional RI Activities PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16 memorandum, on November 16, 2012.
- Submittal of Revised Summary of Additional RI Activities PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16 memorandum on November 16, 2012, based on the U.S. EPA's October 16, 2012 comments.
- Removal of utility installation excavated materials located near former Lagoon K and excavated materials associated with the excavated materials associated with the belowgrade structure encountered near the western side of the former Sludge Dewatering Building (i.e., new City of Plainwell Public Safety Building) on November 27 and 28, 2012.
- Collection of characterization samples for investigation-derived waste generated during the Additional RI activities on November 27, 2012.

2. Data Received

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Removal of investigation-derived waste generated during the MW-16 and Additional RI activities investigation.

6. **Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- None.

7. **Other Relevant Information**

- None.